

LIBERALS SUPPORT IDLE NO MORE



"Aboriginal Canadians do not share fully in Canada's prosperity. That is clear from the poverty and powerlessness that has been there for us to see, and the broken promises we know from our history. But what is the source of this frustration that has sparked a sustained nationwide protest right now? It is that, after a promising Crown-First Nations meeting a year ago, there has been little progress and the Conservative government refuses to admit it. It is because in the omnibus Bills C-45 and C-38, substantial changes to the regulations for stewardship of the earth — protection of navigable waters and First Nations land — have been made without consulting the affected Aboriginal peoples. It is because this government has not made progress on helping to establish autonomous, self-governing, sustainable aboriginal nations and on respecting the treaties that the Crown has signed with them."

~ **Ted Hsu, MP Kingston & the Islands**



"The broader Idle No More campaign, which has gone beyond the traditional politics both within and outside the Aboriginal community, is based on a deep sense of frustration, of promises broken, of conditions that no people in Canada should have to accept. To ignore it, as the Conservatives and some provinces have done, is to court disaster."

~ **Bob Rae, Former Interim Leader**



"Idle-No-More is about more than C-45. It's about this government running roughshod over Treaty Rights. What's needed is a rekindling of the hopeful sincerity that generated the Kelowna Accords of 2005."

~ **Ralph Goodale, Deputy Liberal Leader**



"The Liberal Party of Canada remains steadfast in its approach to support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and in defending the Duty to Consult provision as enshrined in the Constitution of Canada. We will continue developing meaningful partnerships built on mutual respect and understanding, and we will continue making positive change for our communities and with our people."

~ **Aboriginal Peoples' Commission**



"The Idle No More movement has begun to take on the monumental task of eradicating the ignorance of the 96% of Canadians not from Aboriginal descent. Round dances, pamphlets and teach-ins have also been a part of the beginning of 'Aboriginal education for non-Aboriginals'. We need to ensure that First Peoples in Canada - the fastest growing part of the population - will have the equality of opportunity each of us deserves; victims no more."

~ **Carolyn Bennett, Liberal Critic for Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development**



"Canada is witnessing an unprecedented movement, one that has originated at the grassroots levels through the voices and hearts of strong women. We stand in solidarity with Idle No More."

~ **National Women's Liberal Commission**

Liberal leader Justin Trudeau was proud to meet and listen to Chief Spence and the extraordinary Nishiyuu Walkers, who trekked 1,600 km to reach Parliament Hill.

